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Sincerely,

David Coker

Company Secretary

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THE MORGAN CRUCIBLE COMPANY PLC

12 March 2004

95% take up of Morgan Crucible Rights Issue

The Morgan Crucible Company plc ("Morgan Crucible") today announces that it has received valid acceptances in respect of 54,990,916 new Morgan Crucible shares, representing 95% of the total number of new Morgan Crucible shares offered to shareholders, pursuant to the 1 for 4 Rights Issue announced by Morgan Crucible on 19 February 2004 (the "Rights Issue"). A total of 58,019,093 new Morgan Crucible shares were offered to shareholders in the Rights Issue, which closed at 11.00 a.m. today.

Subscribers have been procured for the remaining 3,028,177 new Morgan Crucible shares, for which valid acceptances were not received, at a price of 135.5 pence per share. The net proceeds from the sale of these shares, after the deduction of the Rights Issue price of 100 pence per new Morgan Crucible share and relevant costs, will be paid to shareholders who have not taken up their entitlements, pro rata to their lapsed provisional allotments. As a result of the procurement of subscribers, neither the underwriters nor the sub-underwriters will be required to subscribe for any new Morgan Crucible shares.

The Rights Issue was fully underwritten by Cazenove & Co. Ltd.

Mr Warren Knowlton, Group Chief Executive, commented:

"We are delighted to have received such strong support from our shareholders. The Rights Issue enables us to press ahead vigorously with our programme of cost reduction and profit improvement to drive future profitability and cash flow generation."

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